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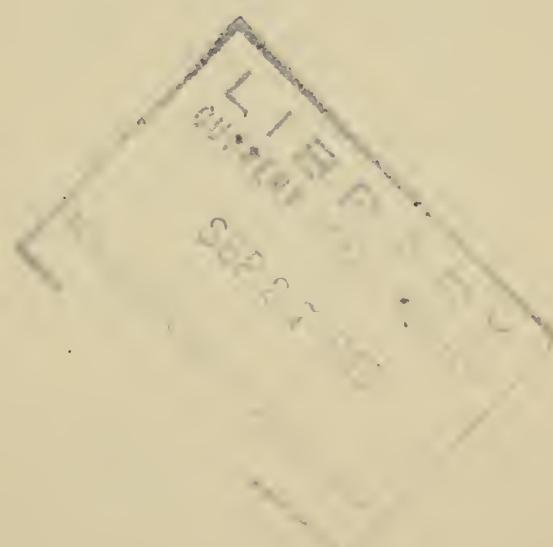
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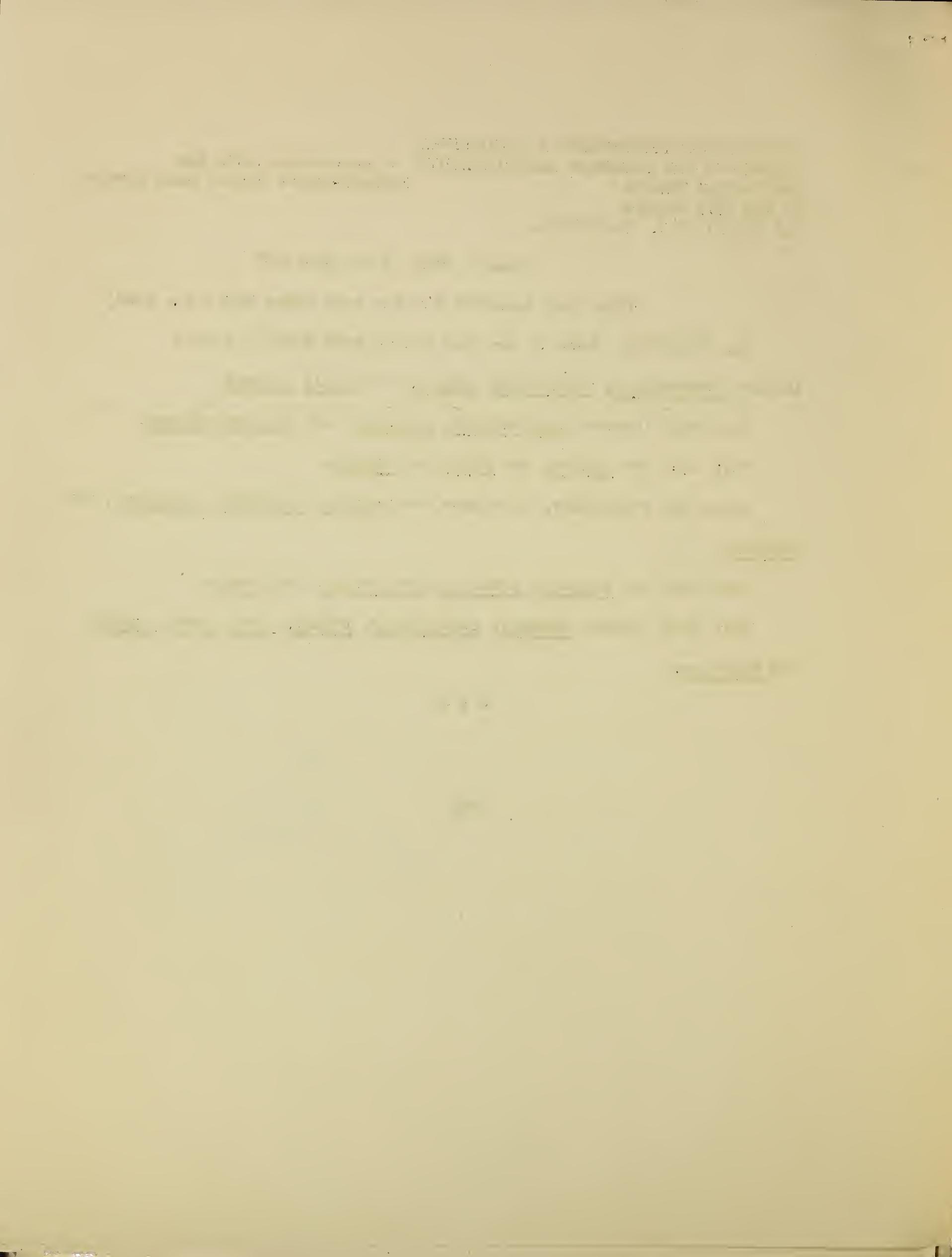
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7 --- This week's Best Buys in fruits include watermelons, cantaloups, grapes, and small oranges. Good Buys include blackberries, honeydew, and Persian melons. Fair Buys are apples, and plums and prunes. Among the vegetables, Best Buys are carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, and lettuce.

Good Buys are peppers, potatoes, dry onions, and beans. Fair Buys include cabbage, cauliflower, celery, corn, peas, squash, and tomatoes.

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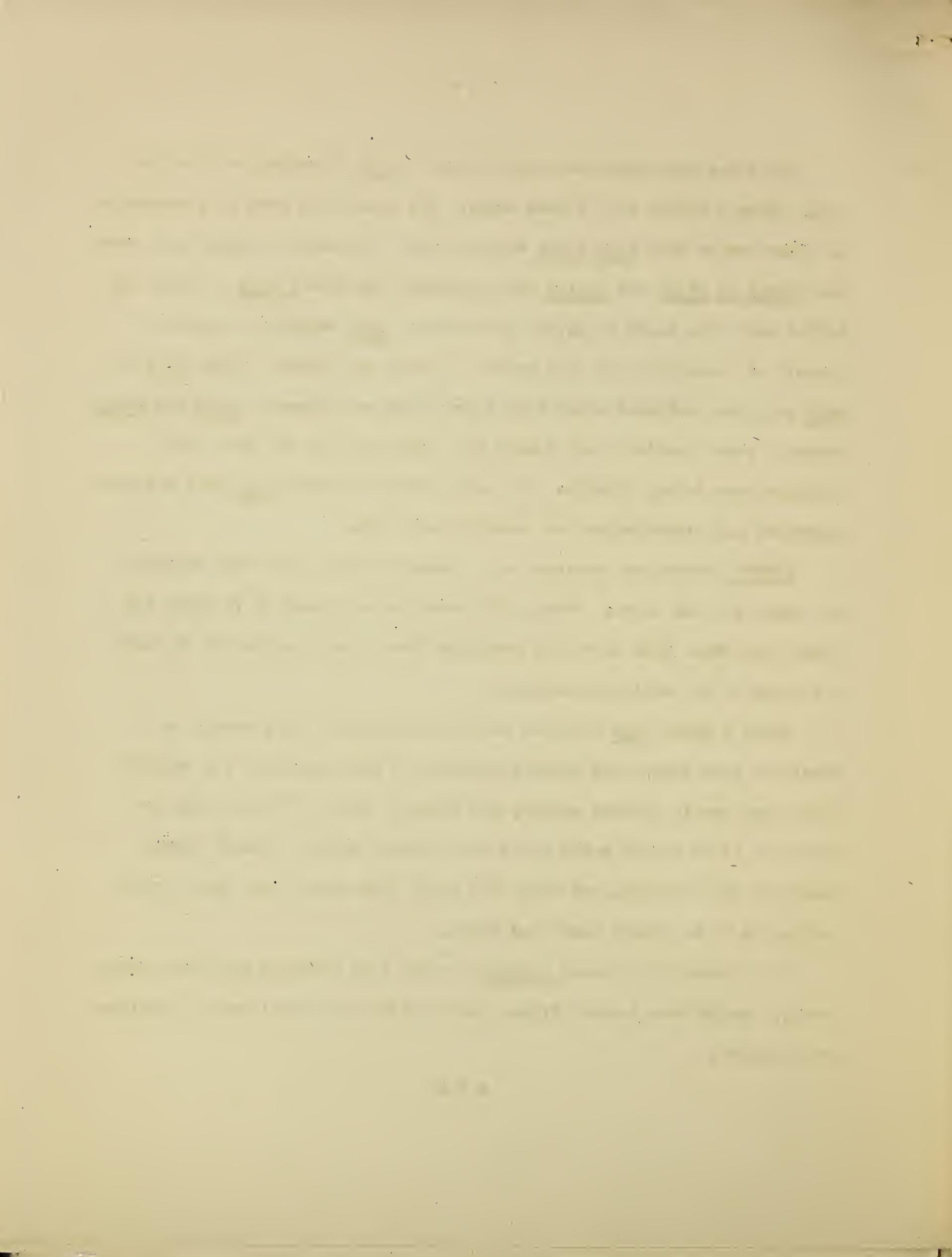
There was some improvement in wholesale meat distribution this past week, after a rather slow demand early. All grades and cuts held unchanged in price except that pork loins were up \$1.00 per hundred pounds; good arm-cut chucks of steer and heifer were up \$2.00; and good rounds of steer and heifer were down \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundred. Beef supplies consisted largely of Commercial and Good grades of steer and heifer. Fresh veal and calf supplies continued moderately light, with good demand. Lamb and mutton showed a wider quality range toward the latter part of the week, and supplies were fairly liberal. The daily volume of fresh pork cuts was more plentiful and distribution was somewhat more even.

Butter production continued on a downward trend, but local supplies are ample for all needs. Grade A(92 Score) is up 1 cent at 78 cents per pound, and Grade B(90 Score) is unchanged from a week earlier at 70 cents per pound in the wholesale markets.

Grade B Large eggs declined in price during the week, mainly as a result of slow demand and liberal supplies of that quality. Top quality large eggs are in lighter supply, and firmer. Grade "A" Large eggs are quoted at 67 to 67-1/2 cents per dozen, Mediums at 66 to 66-1/2 cents, Smalls at 46 to 47-1/2, and Grade "B" Large four cents lower than a week earlier at 58 to 58-1/2 cents per dozen.

Good demand for dressed poultry for the long weekend held the market steady, except that colored fryers and roasters are down 1 cent. Supplies are adequate.

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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

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SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14 --- This week's Best Buys in fruits include watermelons, grapes, cantaloups, and honeydew melons.

Good Buys include small oranges.

Fair Buys are apples, blackberries, Persian melons, and prunes.

Best Buys among vegetables are cucumbers, lettuce, and eggplant.

Good Buys are onions, peppers, and potatoes.

Fair Buys among vegetables include beans, carrots, cabbage, squash, cauliflower, celery, corn, peas, and tomatoes.

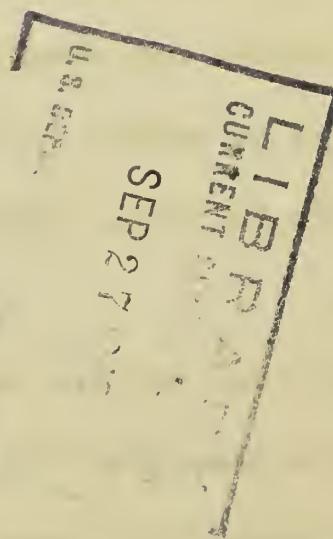
Very few price changes developed in the week's livestock trade, which was generally light in volume and hampered by the Labor Day and a mid-week Admission Day holiday in California. There were practically no price changes in the meat division of the San Francisco wholesale market.

The butter market was steady to firm. Wholesale transactions were limited to minor street sales at prices up about 1 cent from the week before. Grade AA butter (93 score) sold at 79 cents; Grade A(92 score) at 79; and Grade B(90 score) at 71 cents per pound.

Grade A large and Grade A small eggs remained unchanged in wholesale price at 67 to 67-1/2 cents per dozen for the large and 46 to 46-1/2 cents per dozen for the smalls. Medium Grade A eggs were down 2 cents at 64-1/2 cents, and Grade B Large also were down 2 cents at 56-1/2 cents per dozen on the San Francisco wholesale market.

The general tone of the poultry wholesale market was easy on colored chickens and steady to firm on other classes. All prices were unchanged. Demand for leghorn fowl exceeded the available supply in some quarters. Winter packed young Tom turkeys continued to sell mostly at 68 to 69 cents.

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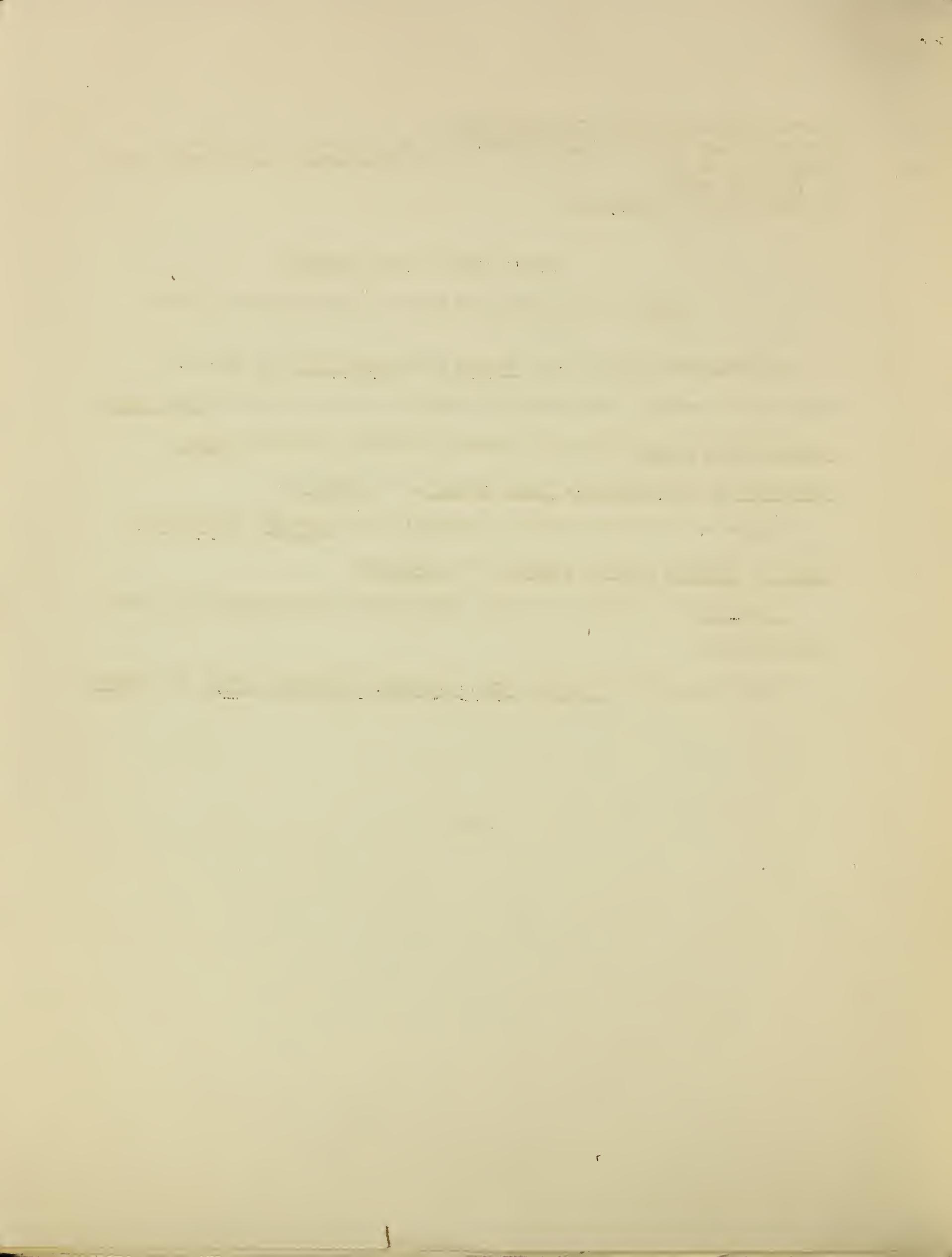
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21--- Grapes and watermelons top the list of Best Buys in fruits, with the week's Fair Buy group made up of cantaloups, miscellaneous melons (Persian, honeydew, cranshaw, casaba), apples, strawberries, blackberries, small oranges, and peaches.

Tagged as Good Buys among the vegetables are cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, lettuce, onions, peppers, and potatoes.

Tomatoes are a Fairly Good Buy with supplies now adequate for canning and pickling.

Fair Buys include celery, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, peas, and squash.

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No startling changes developed in last week's wholesale meat market, where trading was rather slow. Supplies of beef and Spring lamb were more plentiful. And prices dropped \$1.00 to \$2.00 on lamb and some cuts of beef, while prices held unchanged on other classes. Fresh pork cuts were fairly liberal. Smoked skinned hams and slab bacon were about evenly balanced with demand. More plentiful supplies of veal and calf ran mostly Utility to Good in grade.

With demand only fair for larger supplies of butter, prices have dropped one cent per pound from last week in the San Francisco wholesale market. Grade AA(93 Score) and Grade A(92 Score) are quoted at 78 cents per pound, and Grade B(90 Score at 70 cents per pound.

Top-grade large eggs are in scant supply, good demand, and unchanged in price from last week. Medium and small sizes are more plentiful, in fair demand, and lower priced. Grade "A" Medium eggs are 2 cents lower at 62 to  $62\frac{1}{2}$  cents per dozen, and Grade "A" Smalls are down 4 cents at 42 to  $43\frac{1}{2}$  cents per dozen. Grade "A" Large eggs are unchanged at 67 to  $67\frac{1}{2}$  cents per dozen, as are Grade "B" Large at 56 to  $56\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

A slow to moderate demand for larger supplies of poultry has resulted in prices 1 to 2 cents lower on several classes. Broilers are quoted in the wholesale market  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 cents per pound lower than last week on live weights, and 1-cent lower on dressed weights. All fryers are down 1-cent per pound on both live and dressed weights, as are Leghorn hens and old roosters. Young tom turkeys are 2 cents lower on dressed weights at 62 to 67 cents per pound.

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